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# California Department of Corporation Celebrates "Older Americans Month"

May 2004 Designated as Older Americans Month – Department's Seniors Against Investment Fraud Program (SAIF) Is Critical Resource to Older Americans as they live Longer, More Active Lives

**SACRAMENTO** --- In celebration of Older Americans Month in California, the Department of Corporations' Seniors Against Investment Fraud (SAIF) program announced today that it will give at least 30 presentations statewide throughout the month of May to help educate older Californians about how to identify and avoid fraud schemes that are often targeted at them. It is estimated that between 75 and 100 seniors will attend each SAIF presentation.

Established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services in 1963, Older Americans Month aims to recognize and celebrate older Americans who are living longer, healthier and more productive lives. This year's theme is "Aging Well, Living Well." President Bush is also expected to proclaim May as Older Americans Month nationwide.

"During Older Americans Month, we celebrate with Californians who are living longer, more active lives," said Corporations Commissioner William P. Wood. "Californians want and deserve financial security after retirement. Unfortunately, older populations have increasingly become targets for investment fraud. The SAIF program can help protect seniors against devious fraud schemes. I strongly urge all older Californians to learn all they can about SAIF and follow the guidelines before making a financial investment."

A list of scheduled SAIF presentations for the month of May, "Older Americans Month," is attached. Please contact SAIF at (916) 445-1349 to confirm dates and locations.

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| Date   | Location   | Time             |
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| May 1  | 1299 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Belmont                                   | 11:30 – 1:30 pm  |
| May 4  | Marin City Senior Center<br>640 Drake Avenue, Marin                    | 11:00 – 1200 pm  |
| May 4  | Raddison Hotel<br>2233 Ventura Street, Fresno                          | 8:00 – 5:00 pm   |
| May 4  | Sunrise Mobil Home Park<br>Rancho Cordova                              | 10:00 – 12:00 pm |
| May 5  | The Tamalpais<br>501 Via Casitas, Greenbrae                            | 7:30 – 9:00 pm   |
| May 6  | West Marin Senior Services<br>Regional History Ctr., Hwy 1, Tomales    | 10:30 – 12:00 pm |
| May 8  | Family Services Center<br>14580 S. Broadway, Cabazon                   | 8:00 – 10:00 am  |
| May 11 | Parnow House<br>164 N. San Pedro Road, San Rafael                      | 11:00 – 1:00 pm  |
| May 11 | Holiday Inn Capital Plaza<br>300 J Street, Sacramento                  | 9:00 – 4:00 pm   |
| May 12 | Senior Rally – State Capitol<br>Sacramento                             | 9:00 – 2:00 pm   |
| May 12 | Gold County Fairgrounds<br>1273 High Street, Auburn                    | 10:00 – 4:00 pm  |
| May 12 | Sunset Whitney Golf Course<br>4566 Scenic Road, Rocklin                | 7:00 – 8:00 am   |
| May 13 | Redwoods<br>40 Camino Alto, Mill Valley                                | 3:00 – 5:00 pm   |
| May 13 | El Dorado County Dpt. Of Human Services<br>3300 Fair Lane, Placerville | 8:00 – 1:00 pm   |
| May 13 | Veteran's Building<br>7 <sup>th</sup> and San Benito Street, Hollister | 10:00 – 5:00 pm  |
| May 14 | Maidu Senior Center<br>1550 Maidu Avenue, Placerville                  | 9:00 – 3:00 pm   |

| May 14      | 6599 Foothill Blvd., #300<br>Oakland  | 9:00 – 11:00 am  |
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| May 15      | 1385 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks   | 9:00 – 2:00 pm   |
| May 15      | Lake Elsinore Sheriff's Station<br>333 Limited Avenue, Lake Elsinore        | 10:00 – 12:00 pm |
| May 20      | West Marin Senior Services<br>83 Wharf Road, Bolinas                        | 1:00 – 2:00 pm   |
| May 20      | Mind Institute<br>2825 50 <sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento                  | 9:00 – 2:00 pm   |
| May 20      | Rancho Park Villa<br>Senior Community Housing<br>801 Cypress Way, San Dimas | 9:00 – 1:00 pm   |
| May 20      | 1660-B Broadway Street, Santa Monica  | 9:00 – 11:00 am  |
| May 21 – 22 | Scams & Schemes Conference<br>Holiday Inn<br>1900 Hilltop Drive, Redding    | 9:00 – 4:00 pm   |
| May 25      | Senior Service Center<br>1075 N. State Street, Hemet                        | 10:00 – 12:00 pm |
| May 25      | Wildomar Community Center<br>41810 Juniper Street, Wildomar                 | 5:00 – 7:00 pm   |
| May 26      | Senior Service Center<br>4000 Pierce Street, Riverside                      | 9:30 – 12:00 pm  |
| May 26      | Community Center<br>1925 E. Dakota Ave., Fresno                             | 10:00 – 12:00 pm |
| May 27      | Rancho Park Villa<br>Senior Community Housing<br>801 Cypress Way, San Dimas | 9:00 – 1:00 pm   |
| May 27      | 1385 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks   | 11:30 – 1:30 pm  |
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